

September 9, 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Leo Catholic Church **St. Martin Catholic Church**
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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Sept	10	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Beeck Fathers Day Intention
Sept	11	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	World Peace (Carpenter)
Sept	12	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Lorraine O'Grady
Sept	13	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Kohles Fathers Day Intention
Sept	14	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Mark Bennier (Connelly)
Sept	15	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Liz Hussey (Carpenter)
Sept	16	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes
Sept	16	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	(+)Lawrence Bachmann (Fry)

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US

August 26, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 710	\$ 0	\$23
St. Martin	\$ 325	\$ 0	\$16

Amount needed to balance 2018-2019 budgets:

St. Leo: \$5,397/month or \$1,246/week

St. Martin: \$3,570/month or \$824/week

****Our Lord has blessed all of us and He instructs us to tithe 10% of our time, 10 % of our talents and 10% of our income. Everyone, no matter age, is called to respond generously to the blessings He gives! Thank you to those who give!**

Weekend Masses:

1st, 3rd & 5th (Odd Sundays) **2nd & 4th (Even Sundays)**
 Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo
 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas
 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00AM St Leo Palmyra

Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30 PM-3:45 PM
 Sundays 8:00 AM-8:15 AM &
 10:30 AM-10:45 AM
 Any time by appointment

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Healing Hearts Support Sessions** for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **September 25, 2018, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 10-13 and their mother will be held **Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at John XXIII Diocesan Center**. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per mother/daughter or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/mother-daughter> Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com
- **FATHER/SON PROGRAM** "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held **Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 1:30-4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center**. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per father/son or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son-program> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email jennifer-svagera@cdolinc.net
- **What can be more important than spending time with Jesus?** Don't settle for mediocrity. Please consider making daily Mass a part of your daily/weekly routine. Sometimes the hardest part is just setting it as a routine but I assure you it is life changing!
- **Divorced?** Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led **Surviving Divorce** program begins on **October 1, 2018, 7-9pm**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the **Surviving Divorce** personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net
- **Marian Families for the Future: Old answers to New Questions-** Learning about living family life in the third millennium by looking to Mary as our model. Facilitated by Sr. M. Marcia Vinje, Schoenstatt Sister of Mary. **8 Consecutive Mondays, 7-8:30pm, October 1 through November 19, 2018**, John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Event is free. For an outline of presentation topics & to register, please visit: lincolndiocese.org/specialevents
- **Religious Award Ceremony for Boys & Girls!** Scout, American Heritage Girl, Schoenstatt Youth and 4-H Leaders--obtain your religious award books early so your group can get started on the requirements for their Catholic Religious Award! Girls materials are available from the Youth Ministry Office and boys materials can be purchased from your Local Cornhusker council office. The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is scheduled for



Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross
September 14th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marquette Model of NFP: Bringing technology to NFP for a quick, easy option that can be tailored to women at all stages of fertility! For more information, visit Feminine Genius NFP on Facebook or contact Rebekah Knobloch at RebekahKnobloch@MarquetteNFP.com
- The Education Technology department for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lincoln has an immediate opening for a Student Support Intern. Applicants must be college students who do not graduate before May 2020, is at least 21 years old, and able to work 15-30 hours a week. This student intern position will prepare equipment for deployment to the schools, including assembly, disassembly and configuration of various hardware components, as well as installation and configuration of software. This position will also be responsible for maintenance of said equipment at the schools. For more information, see the full job description at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/school-employment>. To apply, send letter of interest and resume to jobs@cdolinc.net. No calls, please.
- **Good Counsel Retreat House** in Waverly offers weekend retreats for men and women who seek to find a place of refuge and solitude, a place of renewal and conversion, a place of sanctuary and prayer. Upcoming retreats and themes include Sept. 14-16 on the Work of the Holy Angels, and Sept. 27-30 Eucharistic Adoration Retreat; you can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705. **Don't be left out --- don't delay— sign up today!**
- **The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3–September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray**
- **Please consider signing up for E-Tithe!** This especially helps you support the Parish even when you are gone. With this new service parishioners can now contribute to the Church via check, credit or debit card by going to our website and clicking the “Give Now” (or by going to <http://giving.parishsoft.com/stleo>). As always you can still give via cash or check in your envelope anytime. If you currently use “Bill pay” or any other method to tithe I might suggest you use this method as it is quick, easy and is automatically recorded in your giving report.
- Check out on **FORMED**. Formed is a great free Catholic resource that includes programs to grow deeper in our faith, Bible studies, audios, movies and books. If you have not signed up for it yet, go to www.formed.com -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the vast material.
- **STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relation-ship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information call 1-888-317-5654 or www.helpourmarriage.org on the web.

Note from Father:

Thank you!

I want to thank Dean Fry, Grant Fry, Levi Tramp, Chad Hartwick, Mick Donovan, Brandon Donovan, Darren Donovan, Chris Beeck, Gerald Royal, Rich Carman, Dale Hinrichsen, and Larry Bennett for all their hard work this weekend at St. Leo Cemetery. With their help we got a great start on some much needed maintenance on the cemetery grounds!

This last month and a half have been extraordinarily painful for Catholics in our diocese and in the country, beginning with the news about Archbishop McCarrick and the years of abuse he is accused of, then the revealing of allegations against some priests of the diocese of Lincoln and then, the horrific report out of Pennsylvania, and now, more recently, allegations that even the Holy Father has failed to act on information he was given detailing the sins and crimes against innocent children perpetrated by hundreds of priests whom they trusted to help them find God in their lives. Instead, they found betrayal, abuse and a lifetime of suffering. As with you, it has been a painful time for us priests, myself very much included, and a constant topic of our conversations among each other, expressing the same feelings that you might have had, anger, bitterness, a crushing sorrow and, because of our brother priests, and the bishops who protected them, shame and embarrassment. Now more than ever we recognize the humanity of the priesthood that scandalizes us all. Abuse is never acceptable and must be handled appropriately no matter who, or what influence, the abuser might have. However, we must be consciously aware of our need to not judge guilty before one can be found so. I know it is extremely difficult to do but I have to remind myself repeatedly that one is innocent until proven guilty. Allegations must be investigated otherwise they are simply that, just allegations. There are many things that are uncertain yet but what is for certain is that our faith is deeper than any individual or persons other than Christ. You are not Catholic because of any priest or Bishop. We are Catholic because of our faith in Jesus Christ who established the Church on the faith of the Apostles whom they have passed down in an unbroken chain of Apostolic Succession even to this day. I personally want to apologize for the sins committed and the scandal caused by my brother priests and bishops. I also must apologize for the many shortcomings I have that perhaps have hurt you personally. I rise from bed each day praying for the strength and courage to do the right thing as a Priest and as your Pastor. I know that you deserve far better than me and I know there are better priests within the diocese that might serve you better. I humbly ask for your forgiveness and thank you for your patience with me. We must, therefore, commit ourselves to prayer and fasting for each other. Let us never forget that we all need healing and we are all called to help each other.

May God continue to greatly bless all of us!! God Love You! ~Fr. Sparling